

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Mark S. Bryant, President Freedom, Inc. c/o Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus, PC 700 West 47th Street, Suite 1000 Kansas City, MO 64112

RE: MUR 5492

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This is in response to your letter dated August 25, 2004, which we received on that day, requesting an extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. On August 26, 2004, I called you to ask when you received the complaint and how many extra days you need to respond. I left a voicemail message. You returned my telephone call and left a voicemail message stating that you would like a 15-day extension. You also stated that you are not sure when you received the complaint. I returned your call that day and left another voicemail message stating that a 15-day extension is reasonable, and I will estimate that it took three days for mailing the complaint.

Although your request was made after the response was due, the Office of General Counsel, after considering the circumstances presented in your letter, has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on September 6, 2004

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Complaints Examination & Legal Administration

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